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Dear Mr. Konracki:

This is in response to your letter received 31 January 2003 inquiring about the status of U.S. patent application 10/031,992 filed 25 January 2002. The application is being processed by the U.S. Designated/Elected Office and an Office action will soon be issued. All further inquiries about the status of this application may be addressed to Catherine Short, Manager of the DO/EO/US, at telephone number (703) 305-3620 or to Donna Greene at telephone number (703) 305-3619.

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